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SUMMARY REPORT FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ANOMALY APHO 42, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the above report dated December 15, 1999 and received by this office on December 23, 1999. The report presents the results of the record search activities and visual inspection of APHO 42 (also referenced as Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) 281). The anomaly was identified on an aerial photograph dated December 9, 1974 and described as wet soil or a burned area approximately 100 feet east of Building 457.

The report recommends a no further action status for APHO 42 based on evaluation of field inspection results, environmental program documents, and historical property records. Evidence of wet soils, stains or burned areas was not observed during the visual site inspection conducted by the Navy on December 1, 1999. Evidence of prior use of the APHO 42 area for storage of hazardous substances was not found during review of environmental program documents and historical property records.

Additionally, the report recommends that the comments for APHO 42 in the next Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Plan (BCP) update be revised to correlate to the description provided in the SAIC *Final Report, Aerial Photograph Assessment, MCAS El Toro* as follows: "APHO 42, identified on a 1974 photograph as SAIC 281, is described as wet soil or a burned area approximately 100 feet east of Building 457." Based on clarification provided by the Navy, DTSC understands that these revisions are necessary to correct previous transcription errors from the SAIC Final Report to the BCP.

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Based on review of the summary report, DTSC concurs with the proposed no further action status designation and comment revision for APHO 42. The no further action status and revised comment must be documented in the next BCP update.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5395.

Sincerely,

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